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PA 18-99—HB 5253

Human Services Committee

AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND REPEALING OBSOLETE STATUTES

SUMMARY: This act removes the 5,000-person cap on the number of individuals who may be served under the Money Follows the Person (MFP) federal demonstration program, which supports Medicaid enrollees who choose to transition from living in institutions to less restrictive, community-based settings. It also repeals various obsolete or inoperative provisions of the human services statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

REPEALED STATUTES

The act repeals the statutory provisions described below.

1. Requiring the Department of Social Services (DSS) to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment for a one-time Medicaid rate increase, within available appropriations, for private psychiatric residential treatment facilities. DSS did so in 2014 (CGS § 17b-241b).
2. Requiring DSS to establish and operate a two-year, state-funded pilot program, subject to available appropriations, for up to 10 ventilator-dependent Medicaid recipients in Fairfield County who receive medical care at home. DSS has not yet implemented the program (CGS § 17b-242b).
3. Allowing DSS to establish a two-year pilot program to provide health insurance assistance for unemployed people under 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and with less than \$10,000 in cash assets, and requiring DSS to implement regulations to execute the program. DSS has not yet implemented the program or adopted regulations (CGS § 17b-258).
4. Requiring DSS to apply for a Medicaid waiver to provide coverage of family planning services to adults at 185% of the FPL and report to the legislature by 2010 if they fail to seek the waiver. DSS established a family planning coverage group as permitted by the Affordable Care Act (CGS § 17b-260c).
5. Requiring (a) DSS, in consultation with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), to amend the Medicaid state plan before 2007 to include assertive community treatment teams and community support services within the definition of optional adult rehabilitation services and (b) DMHAS to be responsible for clinical

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management of adult rehabilitation services provided to adults receiving DMHAS services (CGS § 17b-263a).

6. Requiring DSS to (a) establish a pilot program to provide financial benefits to people with severe physical disabilities who cannot transfer independently during an emergency and live with people who could transfer them and (b) adopt implementing regulations. DSS implemented the program, but did not enact regulations (CGS § 17b-600a).